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In Re Application of:

Lixiao Wang et al

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For:

HIGH COMPLIANCE, HIGH STRENGTH CATHETER BALLOONS USEFUL FOR TREATMENT OF GASTROINTESTINAL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

# Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith patents, publications or other information of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the examination of this application.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" to the invention of the above identified application, unless specifically designated as such.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information exists.

A copy of each of the items listed on accompanying Form PTO 1449 (Modified) is supplied herewith.

Related co-pending applications of which applicant is specifically aware are

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identified as follows:

U.S. Patent Application Number 08/392,837 filed 2 March 1995

U.S. Patent Application Number 08/671,861 filed June 28, 1996

A single page Form PTO 1449 (Modified) captioned with the present serial no

(08/685,338) is supplied herewith, together with a copy of each of the items listed on that form

and an English language abstract of FR 2651681. Also supplied herewith is a copy of the 1449

and 892 forms from application serial number 08/397,837. References listed on those forms

are not enclosed in view of 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the

filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international

application or before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached: 1. 2 PG Information Disclosure Statement; 4 pg 1449 forms; 1 pg PTO form 892; 12 references; VAS transmittal; and postcard

	2.	With	respect	to	fees:
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- Ø No additional fee is required.
- Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
- Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

### CONDITIONAL PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

- This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the 3. possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on October 28, 1996

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